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Tofte Refuses to Go to CIA for Inquiry

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WASHINGTON, D.C. — Hans V. Tofte Wednesday rejected a request to appear at the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) on grounds that he has not received an explanation of an "illegal" CIA raid on his home.

The former Mason City, Iowa businessman received a call Tuesday morning to appear at the CIA headquarters office in Langley, Va., at what appeared to be a continuation of an inquiry into an alleged security violation.

Instead of reporting for an interview with Howard J. Osborn, director of security at CIA, Tofte hand-delivered a letter demanding an explanation for "the raid" on his home that resulted in seizure of classified documents in a third floor office.

TOFTE SAID he had no intentions to submit to "a secret kangaroo court" until there is some assurance that CIA Director Richard Helms will answer questions relative to the "illegal" operations of CIA in this country.

In the letter to Osborn, he reminded him that he had walked out of a meeting before a board of inquiry on August 12 and had stated that he would co-operate fully as soon as the CIA was ready to answer a basic question for him. The question Tofte posed for Helms at that time was as follows:

"Has the CIA now stopped entering people's homes illegally, minus a warrant, and without due process of law within the continental limits of the United State of America?"

IT IS A point on CIA oper-

ations that has been raised by many congressional critics of CIA who have made periodic reference to the law that was intended to prohibit the huge international spy agency from engaging in any police or law enforcement type activities within the United States.

The law establishing the CIA authorizes it to operate as an espionage co-ordinating agency outside of the United States, and states specifically "that the agency shall have no police, subpoena, law enforcement powers, or internal security functions."

In his letter to Osborn, Tofte also asked about the reported theft of \$20,000 in jewels from his home during the same weekend when CIA officials have admitted invading Tofte's home and carting out several arm loads of classified documents.

The Danish-born Tofte an American citizen since 1943 has a long and distinguished career as a British commando, as an operator for the American O.S.S., and for 17 years in the CIA. He has been an outspoken critic of some alleged CIA bungling, and has been particularly critical of the appointments of Helms a career CIA employee, as head of CIA by President Johnson.

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